

HAGUE COURT SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL

Peace Congress Also Wants It Made Permanent.

IMMUNITY FROM CAPTURE

Limitation of Armament and Protection of Private Property Urged.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MADE FACTOR

It is Advocated as Necessary to a Speedy Realization of Universal Peace.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The national arbitration and peace congress today adopted its platform or resolutions, recommending among other things that The Hague conference shall hereafter be a permanent institution; that The Hague court shall be open to all the nations of the world; that a general treaty of arbitration for ratification by all the nations shall be drafted by the coming conference providing for the reference to The Hague court of international disputes which cannot be adjusted by diplomacy; that the United States government urge upon the Congress action looking to the limitation of armament; that the conference extend to private property at sea, immunity from capture in war. The resolutions speak highly in praise of President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and the prime minister of Great Britain for the stand they have taken in favor of a settled policy of peace among the nations.

Only a Few Changes. The resolutions were adopted with a few minor changes as to wording just as they came from the committee which had had their preparation in charge. There was a debate, continuing over two hours, however, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood of Washington declared that the speakers on the platform were "trying to have it all their own way." Dr. Benjamin E. Trueblood, chairman of the Southern Christian league, declared it had been impossible to incorporate in the brief expression of the sentiment of the congress all the ideas which had come from various sections of the country. He said the committee had tried to adhere strictly to the purpose for which the congress was called and to practical ideas on the propaganda of peace.

Debate Limited. Several speakers on the resolutions were interrupted from time to time by other delegates who wished to be heard and who thought the speakers were occupying too much time. The debate was limited to a specific time, and when the vote was taken several delegates still were endeavoring to be recognized by the chair. The vote in favor of the resolutions was unanimous.

Extension of Suffrage. The extension of suffrage to women is regarded by Rev. Anna H. Shaw, president of the National American Women's Suffrage Association, as necessary to a speedy realization of the hopes of advocates of universal peace. This sentiment was expressed by Mrs. Shaw in an address today before a committee of the women's organization engaged in peace work, which was held in conjunction with the national peace conference. She referred to the ballot as the weapon of civilization and declared that "when women are given the ballot privilege they will think twice before they vote their sons to death. She said that in her opinion the highest duty of the patriot is not the man who says, 'My country, right or wrong,' but one who says, 'I prefer my family to my country, right or wrong.'"

Rifle Practice. The plan to introduce rifle practice into the public schools, which was announced by the National Rifle Association of America yesterday, was condemned by Mrs. Harry Hastings, who spoke as a representative of the women's peace circle of this city. Her position was endorsed by Mrs. Carrie C. Carr, president of the International Women's Suffrage Society. Mrs. Carr said she believed that education along peace lines was necessary to gain the extension of the suffrage to women. Other speakers included Miss S. N. Callisburgh, Ph. D., representing the department of the Interior; Mrs. Elizabeth Powell Bond, New Jersey, late dean of Swarthmore College, representing the Society of Friends; and Mrs. Hannah Bailey of Maine, representing the peace department of National and International Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Mr. Bryan's Speech. In discussing The Hague resolutions W. J. Bryan was very brief. "So many delegates," he said, "have not had an opportunity to express themselves upon the subject of these resolutions that I do not think it fair that we who have been assigned places on the program should occupy all the time."

"I came here to see that the one idea which I regard as the most important of all was carried out, and that was that all disputes should be referred to arbitration. Diplomacy should be referred to arbitration. This has been incorporated in the resolutions just as it was in the London conference. I regard this as a long step toward the elimination of war."

"There is one other subject which I would have been pleased to see incorporated in your resolutions, but which the committee has not deemed wise to add. It is all wrong to say that powder, lead and shell are contraband, and then to allow the same powder, lead and shell to be used in the things that are for sale and for profit. It is wrong principle which allows a few money lenders to profit by the distress of nations."

NEW YORKERS IN CITY. Classes in Library School Inspecting Local Institutions. The classes of the New York State Library School are in the city on a visit. They arrived here yesterday morning from Philadelphia, and yesterday afternoon spent in the library of the surgeon general's office, in the naval museum building, 7th and B streets, southwest, and in the Department of Agriculture library. Tomorrow they will inspect the public documents library in the Union building, on G street between 7th and 10th streets. At 8 o'clock tomorrow night the library students will attend an informal reception tendered by Miss Genette Ross at 2401 Massachusetts avenue.

Friday they will leave for their homes in New York. There are about thirty-five gentlemen and ladies in the library classes, and Mr. J. L. Weyer, Jr., is the vice director in charge of the party.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.—The stockholders of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, in an annual meeting held here today, elected the board of directors.

WAS NOT A GREAT SURPRISE

FRENCH DECREE INCREASING DUTIES ON PORTO RICAN COFFEES.

May Be Precursor of Similar Attacks Throughout Continental Europe Upon American Trade.

Although notice of the issue yesterday in Paris of a decree imposing the maximum duties on coffees imported from the United States and Porto Rico has not yet reached the State Department, the officials were fully prepared for some such action, having been informed in the course of correspondence, which has been going on for the past six months, that it was contemplated. The reason for the issue of the decree is said to be the dissatisfaction of the French government at the failure of the United States Senate to act upon the French reciprocity treaty which has been pending before that body for several years. Added to this, it is said, is a suspicion on the part of the French government that the negotiations now in progress between the United States and Germany relative to the tariff upon American goods imported into Germany, contained some item which would be bestowed upon German trade with the United States in which French trade is not to share.

This decree is regarded as the beginning of a systematic effort to bring such pressure to bear upon the American Congress, through the position of restrictions upon the American export trade, as will force the whole subject of reciprocity upon its attention at the beginning of the next session.

The State Department officials fear that similar action is but the precursor of other nations of continental Europe. No serious damage is expected to result from the French decree, as it is not expected to cause there is little traffic in coffee at any time, but it is feared that the effect will be to drive the coffee trade from Porto Rico, which at present finds almost its entire market for its coffee, now that the Spanish market is closed by excessive duties.

NOT OBJECT OF CHARITY. BISHOP GRANT'S ESTIMATE OF AMERICAN NEGRO.

Financial Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Annual Session.

"After forty-four years of freedom the American negro is no longer an object of charity nor the ward of the nation," declared Bishop Abram Grant at the opening of the annual meeting of the financial board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in annual session, held at the Hotel Hamilton, New York, yesterday.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TWO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS PLAN TO FORM ONE.

The proposed chamber of commerce for Washington seems in a fair way to be formed before long, it is stated, in view of the sentiment expressed at the meetings of the board of directors of both the Jobbers and Shippers' Association and the Business Men's Association held yesterday afternoon.

It was decided to unite at as early a date as practicable. At a meeting held separately yesterday resolutions were adopted setting forth "that the permanent organization of the Washington chamber of commerce be now effected, and the membership be composed of the members of the Business Men's Association and the Jobbers and Shippers' Association, in good standing, and such other persons as may subsequently be elected by payment of \$10 dues to January 1, 1908."

It was further agreed at both meetings "that a committee of five be appointed to act with a similar committee from the other organization, to prepare a plan of organization, to formulate a plan of organization, the plan to be submitted to the members of the Business Men's Association and the Jobbers and Shippers' Association at a meeting to be held at the New Willard Hotel at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, April 25, 1907."

When Mr. Woodworth Clum, secretary of the Jobbers and Shippers' Association, was seen today he stated that much interest had been manifested in the proposed amalgamation of the two associations, and pointed to the fact that at the meetings of the respective boards yesterday afternoon ten out of twelve members of the Business Men's Association and the Jobbers and Shippers' Association board were in attendance and eight out of twenty-two of the Business Men's Association, and that the ratification was unanimous in each instance.

Much interest is manifested in the meeting of the members of the Business Men's Association which will be held in the hall Monday evening to ratify the proposed amalgamation. The meeting will be held in the hall Monday evening to ratify the proposed amalgamation. The meeting will be held in the hall Monday evening to ratify the proposed amalgamation.

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TRIAL OF "DR. LEON" BEGUN

TESTIMONY OF PROSECUTING WITNESS HEARD YESTERDAY.

Hearing Before Justice Barnard, Criminal Court No. 2—May Go to Jury Late Today.

The trial of Dr. Edward Leon Thompson, alias Edward Leon, indicted for an alleged criminal operation on Sadie Volk, a young German girl, now twenty-two years of age, begun yesterday morning in Criminal Court No. 2, before Justice Barnard, was continued today. The case will probably go to the jury this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

The court room was crowded when the government announced that it was ready to proceed, and asked that the defendant be called upon to plead to a new indictment in which the charge had been restated. Attorneys Leo Simmons and Thomas C. Taylor, who represented the defendant, asked that the indictment be set aside, and that the case be proceeded because the grand jury which had returned the indictment had not heard the testimony of the witnesses, and otherwise attacked the validity of the indictment.

On a demurrer by Assistant United States Attorneys McNamara and Turner, Justice Barnard overruled the plea, and directed the trial to proceed.

The opening statement was made by Mr. McNamara. He told the jury the government expected to prove that Sadie Volk, the girl, had been operated on by Dr. Thompson, and that upon the payment of \$15 had been made to the doctor for the operation. He also stated that the government expected to prove that the doctor had performed the operation on the girl, and that the girl had been operated on by the doctor.

At the conclusion of the opening statement, the government called the first witness, Miss Volk. She was the first witness. She told of finding herself in a delicate condition in November, 1905, and of visiting the office of Dr. Leon Thompson. She declared she asked him if he would perform an operation on her and was answered, she said, in the affirmative. She detailed the operation and never saw the doctor again. She stated the result was not accomplished. She told the jury she paid the defendant \$15 for his services.

Counsel for the defense on cross-examination endeavored to induce the witness to admit that she had been operated on by the doctor, but on objection by the prosecution Justice Barnard ruled that the witness was not obliged to answer. She declared that she had taken the doctor to her home, and that the doctor had performed the operation on her. She stated that the doctor had performed the operation on her, and that the doctor had performed the operation on her.

At the conclusion of the testimony of the witness, the government called the second witness, Alibi. He was the second witness. He told of finding himself in a delicate condition in November, 1905, and of visiting the office of Dr. Leon Thompson. He declared she asked him if he would perform an operation on her and was answered, she said, in the affirmative. She detailed the operation and never saw the doctor again. She stated the result was not accomplished. She told the jury she paid the defendant \$15 for his services.

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